Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 2, 4, 13, 46 and 48 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of this indication, independent claims 1, 3, 12, 45, and 47 are amended with the subject matter of claims 2, 4, 13, 46, and 48, respectively. Claims 2, 4, 13, 46, and 48 have been canceled.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 5-12, 14, 45, 47, 49-57 are in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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